

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION

OF: DIETZEN ET AL.

SERIAL NO. 10/516,921

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FOR: METHOD FOR PRODUCING EXPANDABLE POLYSTYRENE

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EXAMINER: M. J. DANIELS

Honorable Commissioner for Patents

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DO NOT ENTER: /M.D./

REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.113(c) AND §1.116

Sir:

In reply to the Office action of January 05, 2009, it is respectfully requested that the following remarks and the attached amendments¹⁾ be entered and considered by the Examiner.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Encl.: CLAIM AMENDMENTS (Appendix I)

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1) Cf. the **Claim Amendments** set forth in Appendix I on pages 9 to 11 of this paper.